Analyzing the Bear and the Dragon



Project Title	Analyzing the Bear and the Dragon
Summary	Use your language skills to read social and print media published in Mandarin or Russian, depending on your language of proficiency, and provide written analyses of trends in topics of counterintelligence interest.
Country	United States

Project Description

Are you studying Mandarin or Russian and want an opportunity to apply your language skills to real world problems? Interested in reading what our near-peer competitors China and Russia are saying about topics that affect U.S. national security? There is tremendous value in reading native language press and social media accounts of events to gain a different perspective that helps inform U.S. policymaking.

The National Counterintelligence and Security Center, part of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, is seeking virtual interns with strong language skills to augment our mission. Our vision is to provide interns with key terms and topics of concern, such as election security, supply chain risk management, foreign influence, critical infrastructure protection, cybersecurity, and technology theft. Your job will be to leverage your school's resources to read Mandarin or Russian language articles and posts, then provide an analysis. We are not seeking just simple article translations, but rather comparative analysis on changes over time as topics are trending. How has the sentiment in Russia changed as the fall 2020 U.S. election draws near? Has there been an increase in anti-U.S. sentiment in certain areas? How does the Russian government feel about the Administration's intent to withdraw from the Open Skies Treaty? As the Chinese government becomes more emboldened post-COVID how is their press portraying their global ambitions?

You will work in direct support of a National Counterintelligence Officer who will provide more detailed guidance and feedback on your work. This will allow you an opportunity to see what topics are of interest to policymakers throughout the year and how the Intelligence Community informs policy. This experience will also help you build an enduring relationship with Counterintelligence and Security professionals with broad networks in the field. In addition to the knowledge you will bring to NCSC, this opportunity will serve as an excellent introduction into our world and help refine and advance your career aspirations.

Required Skills or Interests

S	kill	(s)
		\ - /

Analytical writing
Political Analysis
Research
Writing

Additional Information

Ideally, we will identify one Russian-language and one Mandarin-language virtual intern but are flexible. If multiple qualified candidates in both languages apply, we can expand the size of our internship to accommodate additional people. You will be supporting National Counterintelligence Officers who work out of our office in the DC area, but we will ensure you are integrated to the fullest extent possible...while also realizing that you are a student!

Language Requirements

Language	Speaking Proficiency Reading Proficiency	Importance
Chinese-Mandarin	Limited working proficiency Minimum professional proficiency	Required
Russian	Limited working proficiency Minimum professional proficiency	Required